

In General

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That Was The Month That Was

by Kathy Polidoro



The organization of the Junior Class has begun at last with the election of class officers and a class council. The officers were Louis Massery, president; Don Marchetto, boys' vice president; Pat Flynn, girls' vice president; Lynn Murphy, secretary; Leo Gleason, treasurer; and James DiCicco, assistant treasurer. The Class Council, composed of two students from each homeroom, has selected the Ring Committee of which the co-chairmen are Candace Grieve and Jim Curley. The members include Paula Boos, Elaine Diamond, Barb Moyer, Jane Sammons, Myla Goodman, Pat Kowalczyk, Chris Charland, Shaun Harrington, Jim Hollister, Dave Lanfair, Jeff Connor, Marvin Freadman, Mike Kitterman and Henry Petithory.

The PHS basketball team has seemed to come alive with wins over Mt. Greylock and Wahconah Regional after a slump of four straight losses. The team, plagued with injury, staged a hard fight against St. Joe. Mark Farrell should be credited with having played a fine game. If you weren't at the Wacoh Regional game, you really missed something. Co-Captain Tom Grieve swished one in from half court at the sound of the buzzer closing the first period putting Pittsfield ahead by one point. Tell us Tom, was this pure skill or are you just a crock?

Lately one may observe two new members of the student body wandering about in the hallowed halls here at PHS. These two are Lupo and Grechen — canines who seem to possess a great zest for learning. They have been seen in many classes such as French II and Math Honors, but their actual course is unknown. Don't laugh — their report cards may have been better than yours.

Well, I hope those of you who ski are satisfied with this perhaps over-abundance of snow. The ski team has certainly been doing well. It captured its sixth straight interscholastic title due much to the excellent jumping exhibited by Shaun Tucker. I'm sure not only the skiers are pleased with the snow. After all, it provided an excuse for a great deal of absences one Monday morning when many of us could not bear to come to school because of such treacherous weather.

Departmental and report card time has passed for another semester. All night cramming and 7 period days are no longer. We have sweated it out and have scraped for every point possible.

A new feature — girl character types. Is this you? The outdoor girl — loves to ski, fish, swim, bowl, golf, play tennis and any number of other healthy pursuits. Just looking at the glow on her outdoorsy face makes you feel pale and sickly. She likes nothing better than to whip you at a man's game and brag about it afterward.

Student Council Confronts School Committee

by Dave Glodt

The Student Council was able to take a great deal of the credit for the retention of the Driver Education program after it held a special meeting and ran a poll on the subject.

Council President Stan Graves called the special session after asking each council member to talk with students and obtain their opinions. At the special meeting it was decided to conduct the poll the following day in each homeroom. Councilmen Shaun Harrington and Tom Grieve voted against the idea of a poll. Harrington said he felt the move to be "too hasty" and said he thought it could not be conducted properly.

The poll was given to 85 per cent of the school's students with 1654 voting in favor and only 78 opposed.

Council members Harrington, Graves and Pete Spina attended the school committee meeting and Graves explained the poll to the committee members.

In other action the council has continued its study of the comprehensive exam question. It has been decided to either complete the study and advise the school committee of findings or to drop the entire matter. The most recent action on the subject includes a planned school-wide poll to determine student sentiment.

PHS Heading For Double 'Trouble' in '66,'67 School Year

by Cookie Levinson

This coming school year, approximately 1700 non-vocational students will attend Pittsfield High School on a double sessions schedule. Juniors and Seniors will attend classes in the morning, and sophomores in the afternoon.

Double sessions were established by a vote of the School Committee in the fall of 1965. The idea was not a new one; it was originally proposed in November, 1964 to be implemented with in that school year, but the idea was deferred. Soon after, a vote was taken on the establishment of double sessions for the school year 1965-1966, but the motion was defeated.

Since this move will affect many present and future high school students, In General recently interviewed Superintendent of school James P. Reynolds for some information on the establishment and possible effect of double sessions.

Double sessions have been established at Pittsfield High to alleviate the severe overcrowded problem. The Massachusetts Building Inspector has visited the school several times and viewed the situation. He has informed the local administration that only a certain number of pupils are allowed in the building. To keep the number maximum, several measures have been taken. Each year, 500 sophomores

have attended classes at Crosby Junior High School. This year, two classrooms were rented at the Jewish Community Center and a new lighting system and two new fire doors were added to the cafeteria in hopes of increasing the capacity of the building. But because this overcrowding is increasing on the high school level, and also on the junior high level, making it necessary to return Crosby to the junior high school system, double sessions will be implemented at P.H.S. this fall with the first session lasting from 7:45 to 12:31, and the second from 12:45 to 5:31.

'Disadvantage'

Supt. Reynolds admitted that the plan will have many disadvantages and inconveniences. Each class period will be shortened by four minutes and the time allotted for passing to classes will be cut from five minutes to three. When asked if shorter classes resulting from double sessions might be determined to a student's chances for being admitted to college, Supt. Reynolds said that they would not harm the pupil academically. He stated that they have not adversely affected other students

in the states who are on a similar schedule. He stated Brockton as an example of a community which has had double sessions for several years, with no apparent scholastic damage.

When asked how it was possible that shorter classes would not harm the student, Supt. Reynolds pointed out one of the advantages of the plan. Double sessions would relieve the crowding in the classrooms. With smaller classes each pupil will be able to receive more individual attention. There will also be less crowding in the halls, and a shorter time will be needed to pass from class to class.

Athletics Hurt

The double sessions plan will cause many inconveniences to Pittsfield High's extracurricular program. One of the major problems will be with athletics — with some students on a morning schedule and some on an afternoon one it will be difficult getting team members together to practice. A possible solution might be either to place juniors and seniors on a varsity, or to arrange practices at night lights. The matter is still being looked into. Other groups such as the

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Senior Class Presenting 'Boy Friend'

by Joe McGovern

"Pure delight from beginning to end!" "Delightful show!" "A rollicking rib!" These were the theater critics' reactions which greeted the Broadway opening of Sandy Wilson's, "The Boy Friend." A gay, witty spoof of the 1920s, "The Boy Friend" was the surprise smash hit of the 1954 Broadway season.

The Senior Class play committee has selected Sandy Wilson's musical comedy for its 1966 class production. Over the years, the stage presentations at Pittsfield High have won widespread acclaim for their high standard of entertainment. There are many who still recall the highly successful presentations of such classics of the American musical theater as "Brigadoon," "South Pacific," "Finian's Rainbow," and "Annie Get Your Gun." Although "The Boy Friend" is less well-known

than some of the durable favorites of previous years, its entertainment value has been widely applauded.

Andrews Starred

"The Boy Friend" marked the American debut on Broadway of a 19-year-old unknown singer, Julie Andrews, who immediately ascended to the realm of a star of the first magnitude. As might be expected from the title, the musical comedy is a boy-meet-girl situation, with "witty lines and tuneful lyrics that all add up to an evening of total enjoyment."

This year's presentation will again be directed by Miss Jayne Mooney, who did such an outstanding job last year in producing "Pajama Game." Dave Glodt will be technical director. Bill Winslow and Gloria Fry are co-chairmen of this year's play committee.



Photo by Bill Gleason

Junior class officers elected recently are, from left to right, Leo Gleason, treasurer; Lynn Murphy, secretary; Louis Massery, president; Pat Flynn, girls' vice president; and Don Marchetto, boys' vice president.

Juniors Formally Organized

by Celia Mandell

One half of the school year is over. Seniors are looking toward the future — colleges or jobs. Sophomores are finally becoming accustomed to the up and down stairways. And the Juniors have just organized their class. The newly elected officers are: President, Louis Massery; boys' vice president, Don Marchetto; girls' vice president, Pat Flynn, secretary, Lynn Murphy; and treasurer, Leo Gleason.

What's in store for the new officers and the Junior Class? Shortly, the Juniors will order their school rings, and after they receive them, they will seem to be purposely speaking with

their hands, flashing their new shiny rings. Leo and the homeroom treasurers will soon be occupied with class dues. Lynn will have to sharpen her pencil and take minutes at the officers and junior class council meetings. Pat, as girls' vice, will try to keep the girls happy, and Don, as boys' vice, will try to keep the boys happy, or is it vice versa? Lou will be responsible for all his officers and junior activities. The excitement of the Junior Prom will close the junior year with the hopeful look toward the senior year. "In General" would like to congratulate the Junior class officers and wish them the best of luck in their jobs!

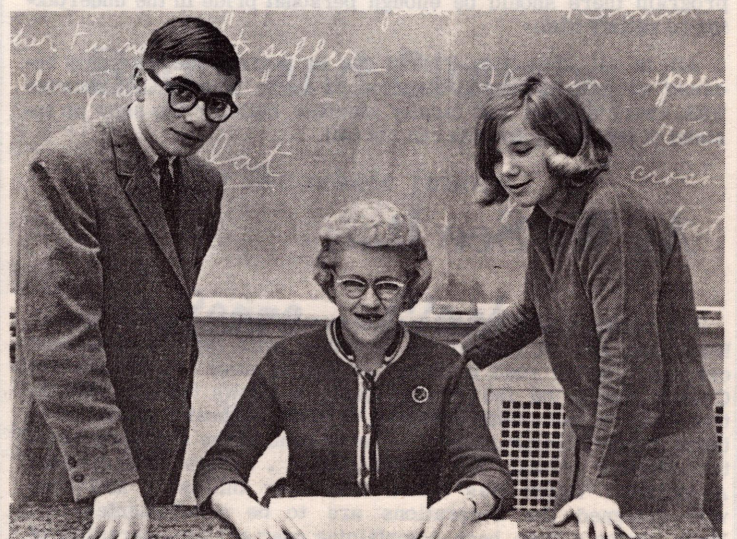


Photo by Mark Mitchell

Ready to start work on the senior class production, The Boy Friend, are co-chairmen Bill Winslow and Gloria Fry with class advisor Miss Jane Heaphy.

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EDITORIAL

Trouble On and Off Stage

The ending of the winter months brings with it the opening of the annual squak over the senior class production, a kind of pre-spring event that each year brings a great gnashing of teeth, calls for investigations, complaints by the faculty, and a variety of cries by seniors. Why all this trouble and confusion over a play?

The answer is not a simple one. It appears that the whole phenomenon is a tradition. Were it to disappear everyone would shed a few tears. Apparently the seniors would never be satisfied if they were to leave school without at least one good complaint. The faculty, irritated by past experiences, is on the defensive the moment anyone mentions the senior class production. It is too bad that such a lively event must degenerate each year into a controversy and become an open field for cynical comments by all.

This year's production of *The Boy Friend* has gotten off on the same wrong foot. However, it is still early enough to halt the name calling and let each student and each faculty member get behind the show with vigor. Possibly a program of ideas would help to clear the slate.

First, there is no reason why the administration and class advisors should be blamed for everything that takes place when the show is under way. After all, it has been found that these differences of opinion can be worked out in a short conference.

Secondly, there is no need for students to rebel against the administration's limitations on the amount of time that can be spent on rehearsals. After all, this is an institution of higher education. The answer here lies in the fact that the play should be selected in December and rehearsals should start after Christmas vacation. However, this is a problem for next year.

The next factor, and the most important, is a genuine interest on the part of all students and faculty members. A show may fail because there is a lack of enthusiastic support by each member of the school community. Because your best friend was not rewarded with a part in the production does not mean it will be a failure. When a person outside the school asks how the play is coming an optimistic answer will help you and your school to success.

There are not enough jobs for every student, but you can be sure that any student who wants to lend a helping hand is going to be welcomed. Although his efforts may not gain credit on the program there should be enough personal pride in the undertaking to satisfy him.

All in all, *The Boy Friend* can be a great show not only because we have a superb director in Jayne Mooney, but because with every student and faculty member building the show up instead of tearing it down it can not fail.

As We See It...

The recent action by the school committee to continue Driver Education and to expand the program with the use of another car for "On the road training" is a good move . . . The Student Council action on the driving problem shows that the legislative body is becoming stronger. A word of praise should go to those council members who were on hand at the school committee meeting to state the council's case . . . The Girls Athletic Association Dance was better than ever this year and those who designed the decorations are to be complimented . . . Many students have been complaining over certain operations of the student government but have failed to contact either Student Council Members or Homeroom Representatives to file their grievances. There is no need for this type of action and students should be aware that their cries will not go unanswered.

Draft Increase—It Is Necessary

by Phillip Rosen

The Selective Service System, has announced that the standards for student deferment will be tightened in the near future. Lt. Gen. Lewis Hershey, director of Selective Service since before World War II said that the new procedure will affect high school seniors and college students. The modifications will be in effect by next fall.

The guidelines followed will be similar to those used during the Korean War, which included class rank and performance on a nation-wide test. Negotiations with testing services have already been initiated and the certificate submitted to the local draft board by the schools is now being revised to indicate class standing.

New Method

Under the old system, a score of 70 was required for a student to be considered for deferment for a regular college course, 80 for a graduate student; the only exception being that graduate students in the healing arts received their deferment with a score of 70. Also, a student had to be doing "satisfactory work." That is, as a freshman he had to be in the upper half of his class, as a sophomore in the upper two-thirds, and as a junior in the upper three-fourths. Apparently seniors were not drafted until after graduation.

This tightening of requirements is being initiated because of the increasing demands made by the Viet Nam conflict. The March call of 32,900 men was well below the January and February quotas.

One word of warning to high school students: don't believe you can stay out of the Army or Marine Corps by enlisting in the Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard. They already have million waiting lists.

OPINION

Is The Beautification of America A Myth?

by Wills Flowers

With our First Family interested in conservation of our natural resources and in beautifying America, we now salute all those agencies of government and business who, in their own way, are trying to achieve this goal.

First, we pay homage to the ski-and-tramway interests. Their idea of a beautiful land is a ski trail on every mountain. Although I think that the ski trail is outdone in ugliness only by the strip - mine, I don't begrudge a few slopes here and there. However, when the ski interests propose to carve up the highest mountain in Massachusetts for their slides, it's time to call a halt. In other states the ski - men are equally bold. In California they are trying to figure out why conservationists are preventing them from building a giant lodge with a maze of trails and a four-lane access route in the middle of a small national park.

Pork-Barrel

Next we salute the Army Corps of Engineers, the long arm of the Congressional pork-barrel. This group has called itself "the greatest recreation agency in the United States." It has created recreation by building dams in Florida which have dried up the Everglades. It has built a dam in Colorado which has flooded scenic Glen Canyon. Other recreation projects under way are a dam that will flood part of the Grand Canyon and a hydro-electric project in Alaska that will destroy watersheds, wildlife, a sizable part of the salmon industry, and will produce more electricity than can possibly be used.

We must not forget our patriotic Defense Department. For the sake of the national defense, it has used the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge for Navy

target practice, it has tried to use the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge as part of its missile range, and it has even tried to use the nesting grounds of the whooping crane for bombing practice. We can thank reactionary conservationists for the fact that these last two ideologies did not take place. Around Alaska, there are many islands of little use to man or beast. One island, however, is the breeding ground of the sea otter, an animal the Department of the Interior has been trying to protect along with the fur seal. Guess which island has been chosen for nuclear testing!

Following these noble examples, the less wealthy billboard and junkyard men have made their contribution to America the Beautiful. Since the anti-billboard-and-junkyard legislation, however, they are learning that if the scenery is ruined by private enterprise, it is an eyesore; if it is ruined by government or favored interests, it is progress.

Youth Exhibit

by Maryrose Eramo

During the next two weeks at the Image Gallery in Stockbridge, an art exhibit will be on display and will show different pieces of work, either personal or fantasies, from high school students from Berkshire County. Represented in this exhibit, Young Talent — '66, are Pittsfield High School, Wahconah Regional, Windsor Mountain School, Miss Hall's School, Mt. Greylock Regional, Stockbridge School, Adams Memorial High, Williams High, Searles High, and Foxhollow School.

Clemens Kalischer, the owner of the gallery, intends this exhibit to serve a dual purpose; not only to stimulate and encourage art in Berkshire County, but to entertain and to encourage artists who someday hope to have their paintings hung in galleries.

If you wish to see a display "that is of real merit" visit the Image Gallery in Stockbridge.

Letter To The Editor

SOMETHING MISSING?

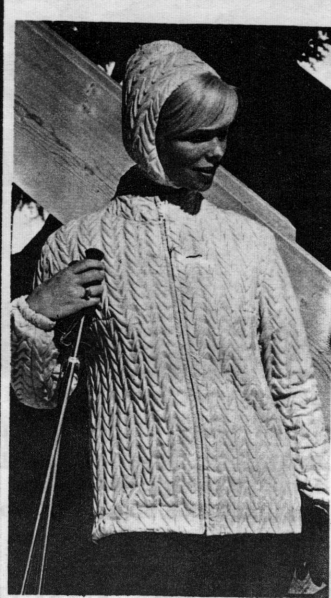
To the Editor:

Take a look around the halls, in the class rooms, and even in the lobby. Something is missing, isn't it? Take a better look on the mall, where kids are laughing and joking with one another. Did you find it yet? You bet your life you didn't find it, because it just isn't there. If you haven't figured out what I am talking about, I'll tell you the sad news — The spirit at Pittsfield High School has either been lost, run away, or surrendered itself to another school. Is this what we, the so-called loyal students of P.H.S., want?

An example of our missing spirit was at the P.H.S. — St. Joe Rally January 21. I think, and I've heard the minority of devoted P.H.S. fans say, that the much needed display of encouragement and enthusiasm just wasn't present at that rally. Maybe you think that just because you're an honor roll student you have contributed your share to Pittsfield High. Well, I don't mean to discourage you, but you're dead wrong. Our basketball team needs your support as well as everyone else, which, as you can't help but notice, is diminishing every day.

The decision is up to you, but if you want too long to make up your mind, our "personal P.H.S. spirit" just might decide to stay on another side (maybe St. Joe?) where it will be appreciated and put to good use. This is your choice, so please, don't let down our teams; they deserve your support.

Janice McCoy



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Ski Team, Benedetti Win Sixth Straight Interscholastic Crown

Tucker Clinches Victory in Jumping

by Bernie Rosenblum

The PHS ski team went into this year's Interscholastic Ski Meet in a different capacity, for they were the underdogs to a strong Lenox Prep team. However, through a tremendous team effort, and although Pittsfield took only one first place, PHS won its sixth straight Interscholastic championship.

The meet took two days to complete, with the cross-country and slalom on Friday and the downhill and jumping on Saturday. In the cross-country, Pittsfield held a fraction of a point lead over Lenox and Hotchkiss, but after the downhill they were in second place behind Hotchkiss by less than one point. PHS skiers

doing well the first day were Co - captains Charley Goodrich and Jimmy Garstang, Ned Dripps, and Jimmy Burns. Burns took a surprise eleventh in the cross-country, thus showing the team effort put out by all of the fine PHS skiers.

So the stage was set for Saturday, with defending champ Pittsfield High seemingly out of the contest, even though they were in second place, due to the fact that PHS' weak event, jumping, was coming up. The downhill preceded the jumping, and placing in the top thirty were PHS skiers Charley Goodrich (3rd), Jimmy Garstang (7th), Terry Goodrich (8th), Joyce Martin of the Pittsfield Girls tying for 17th, and Robert Rusk (19th). Now came the final event of the day, the jumping. They went into this final event leading by only 3-917 points over Lenox and 4-318 over Hotchkiss. Lenox and Hotchkiss were both strong in jumping, so it looked as if the five-year reign of PHS would come to an end. But this was not to be, for senior Shaun Tucker of Pittsfield won the jumping and the meet for the Generals. Tucker leaped 72 and 70 feet in excellent form to give him 138.3 points to runner-up Chris Bigelow of Lenox's 134.3. As the Lenox assistant coach said, "two weeks ago . . . Tucker couldn't stand on his feet. . . Rudy is just a very fine coach. He must have worked hard with those boys." The Rudy of course refers to PHS ski coach Rudy Benedetti.

Six in a row is quite a record. When Coach Benedetti was asked Monday how he felt about his team's victory, he did not reply, but it could be seen on the coach's face that this victory will be savored for a long time.

Because of an oversight on the scorer's part, Dave Leake of Hotchkiss was named the initial Skimeister following the meet. However when total points were recounted, PHS co - captain Charlie Goodrich's score came out fractions of a point ahead of Leake's. Therefore, the meet officials decided to present identical awards to both Goodrich and Leake. It's ironical, however, that Joyce Martin, who can ski as well or better than most boys, tied Leake in the downhill.



Jumping by Shaun Tucker was the deciding factor as Pittsfield High won the Berkshire County Interscholastic Ski title. Here Tucker takes the longest jump of the day. Also pictured is Joyce Martin racing through the downhill course.



Look For Action After School In Intramurals

by Dave Nelson

Throughout the school year almost every day after school some kind of activity can be found in the boys gym. Most of these activities are part of the intramural program at Pittsfield High. Under the supervision of Coach George Sylvester, a planned program of various sports opened to all boys is operated on a volunteer basis. Besides basketball which is now the current sport, soccer, touch football, wrestling, table tennis, softball, gymnastics, and track and field have been or will be conducted on an intramural basis.

During the fall Bob Sandler, Dick Komuniecki, Keith Pemrick, and Jack Hayes excelled as members of the Intramural Soccer team which worked on fundamentals and scrimmaged the Varsity a few times. Charlie Beuth, Fred Sangiovanni, John Russo, and Bob Boyer played well on the three Intramural Football squads. With the closing of the football season, volleyball became the intramural sport. Five teams were formed with the "Playboys" coming out on top led by Bill Adam.

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GIRLS' SPORTS

by Kathy Brecht and Susi Gifford

On Wednesday, January 26, about thirty girls braved the wind and cold to attend the annual G.A.A. Ski Night. At 7:00 a bus took the girls from the High School to Bousquet's Ski Area and returned at 10:00. Though many suffered from bruises and bumps, all agreed that it was certainly a successful and enjoyable evening.

It has been announced that Daria Politis and Kei Sweeney have been chosen as sophomore board members.

After school learn-to-swim classes are now being held at the Girls' Club Pool on Tuesdays.

During the past two weeks the round robin basketball tournament has been taking place in the girls' gym. There were ten teams consisting of twelve players on each. Three sixteen minute games were played every day after school in 8 minute halves. Six players make up a starting team: three forwards and three guards, of which one forward and one guard are roving players. Throughout these games, each player was given a chance to exhibit her skill, hoping to be selected to represent her class on the varsity and junior varsity teams which are chosen at the conclusion of the tournament.

John Carmody—Picture of Dedication

by Mike O'Brien

On October 30, 1957, the athletic department at Pittsfield High took a severe blow when John Carmody, coach of various athletics for the past 36 years, retired due to health conditions.

Coach Carmody first joined the Pittsfield athletic department back in 1921, when he was a physical education instructor. From that year, right up until June of 1957, he had coached four sports varying from year to year. They were football, basketball, track and hockey.

In football, he recalls his 1926 team as his best. He also boasts that out of the eleven starting members of this club, seven went on to college for further education, and now all of them hold important jobs.

His hockey teams always managed to hold their own, no matter who the opposition was. His 1940 team went to the Western Mass. tournament, only to be nipped out by Athol 2-1.

In basketball, he took the 1926 "hoopers" to Chicago for a tournament.

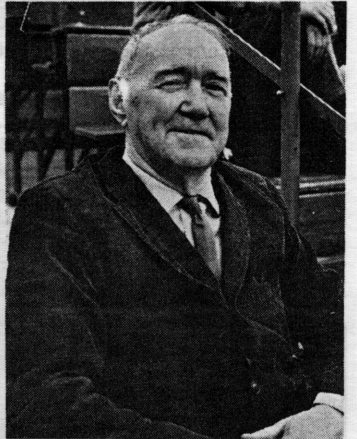
However, it was track that John Carmody was remembered only too well for. Here he brought four Western Mass. trophies back from the big tournament in Springfield. He was called "the lover of track," and he ran the sport with a dedication that could come only from a man's heart. During his last years at

Pittsfield High, Coach Carmody was often seen limping from one side of Clapp Park to the other instructing his boys on the fundamentals of the sport. His arthritic condition was more painful with every step, and when the boys would see this, they were so inspired by his desire that they put a little extra into every event they participated in.

To prove he is still this great lover of track, this writer asked him in a personal interview whether or not he would come to Clapp Park and watch a few meets this year. He replied, "If I get my driver's license, I'll be at Clapp Park with Benedetti every day." When asked what he thought of Pittsfield's present coach, he said, "Coach Benedetti is doing an excellent job. He is a wonderful man and a wonderful coach. Pittsfield is lucky to have him."

Comparing his teams to the teams of today, Coach Carmody replied: "Fundamentally, my

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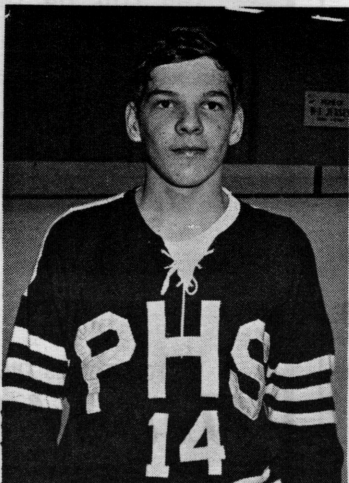


Former Coach John Carmody at Reunion Game.

Sportsman of the Month

by Tom Paar

"In General" is proud to announce that Paul Vacchina, star forward for the Pittsfield High School Hockey Team, has been selected as January's Sportsman of the Month. Paul has been on the varsity squad for the past two years, and has come into the limelight this year with some



Sportsman, leading scorer Paul Vacchina.

outstanding plays. So far this year, Paul has scored two hat-tricks (three goals in one game) and this can only be taken as an indication of his ability. He is currently the leading scorer in Pittsfield High's division, the Fay Division, of the Western Mass. Hockey League, with 17 goals and 11 assists for a total of 28 points.

Paul is not a stranger to the game. Before his play here at the High School he competed for three years at the Boy's Club which is indeed a fine introduction to the game. Last year when Paul tried out for the varsity he was assigned to the second team; however, this year he has been placed on the first, thus giving him the opportunity of more time to play and of presently earning for himself the recognition as one of the finest hockey players around.

Vacchina, a tenth grade college preparatory student at the Crosby Annex, has this year astounded the fans with his remarkable speed and shooting. He still has another year left and if he continues to improve we are liable to have a wonder player next year.

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PHS Heading for Double Trouble . . .

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band, In General, and various clubs are seeking solution to this problem. The plan for double sessions will also mean added expense. It is expected to cost from \$50,000 - \$70,000 a year. The majority of this will be absorbed by teachers salaries as 7 to 10 teachers will have to be hired. (Teachers currently teaching 10th graders at Crosby will return to the High School) The money will also be used for increased expenses of maintaining the building during extra hours.

Besides affording smaller classes and more attention for the high school students, the double sessions plan offers other advantages. By returning high school students at Crosby to the high school, and consequently re-districting the junior high school students, the overcrowding problem in the junior high will be relieved. There will also be space at Crosby to put the special education classes now held at various elementary schools together.

New Facilities

Without overcrowding at the High School, new facilities can be installed. Of current interest are the two reading labs which are to be built in rooms 201 and 203. It was not possible to build these labs with the population problem at the school, but construction is now feasible.

When asked how long double sessions would be in effect, Supt. Reynolds listed a tentation schedule which calls for completion of Pittsfield West High School by September, 1968. This school will house 1250 students (500 vocational, 750 academic), and would have several shops along with

science, reading, and language laboratories, and rooms equipped for team teaching. However, he emphasized that the schedule will not be strictly followed.

In answer to another question, Supt. Reynolds stated that there will be lunch periods for students wishing to have them. Those on the morning sessions who wanted lunch would remain after classes, and those on the afternoon session would come in early.

Vocational students will not be affected by double sessions. They will attend classes on a regular six period basis and have regular lunch periods.

The schedule for double sessions is as follows:

A.M.
7:45 — Home Room — 10 min.
7:58 — Period 1 — 43 min.
8:44 — Period 2 — 43 min.
9:30 — Period 3 — 43 min.
10:16 — Period 4 — 43 min.
11:02 — Period 5 — 43 min.
11:48 — Period 6 — 43 min.

12:31
P.M.
12:45 — Home Room — 10 min.
1:44 — Period 1 — 43 min.
2:30 — Period 2 — 43 min.
3:16 — Period 3 — 43 min.
4:02 — Period 4 — 43 min.
4:48 — Period 5 — 43 min.
5:31 — Period 6 — 43 min.

Passing time of three minutes between each class.

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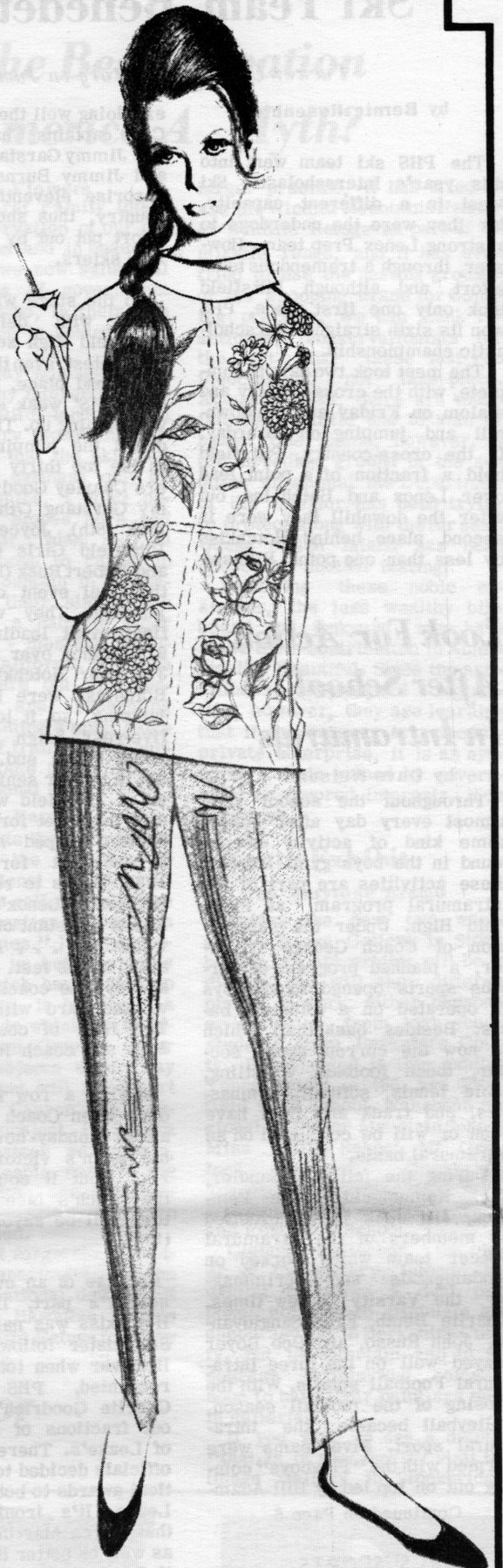
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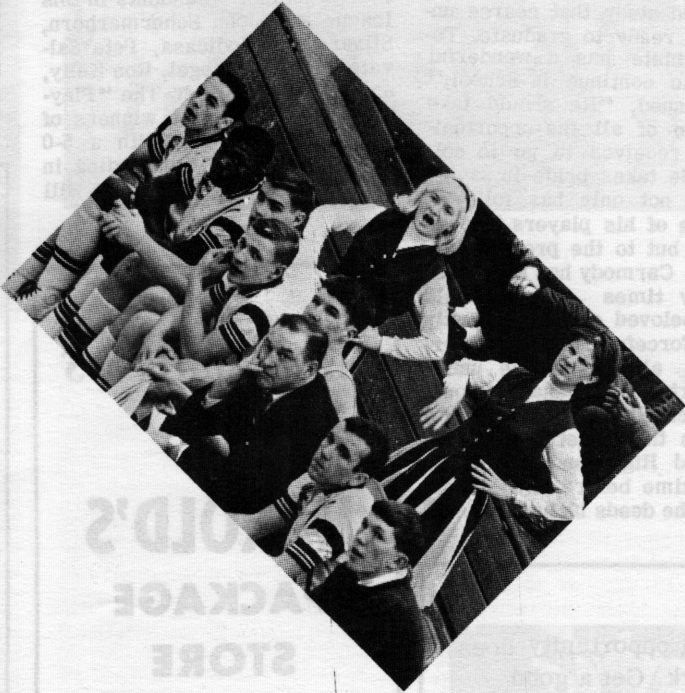
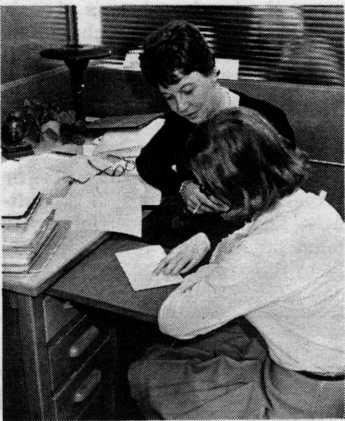
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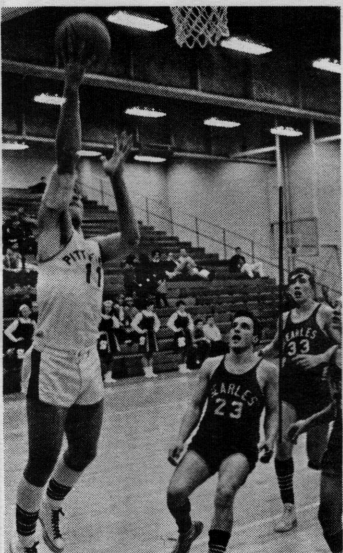
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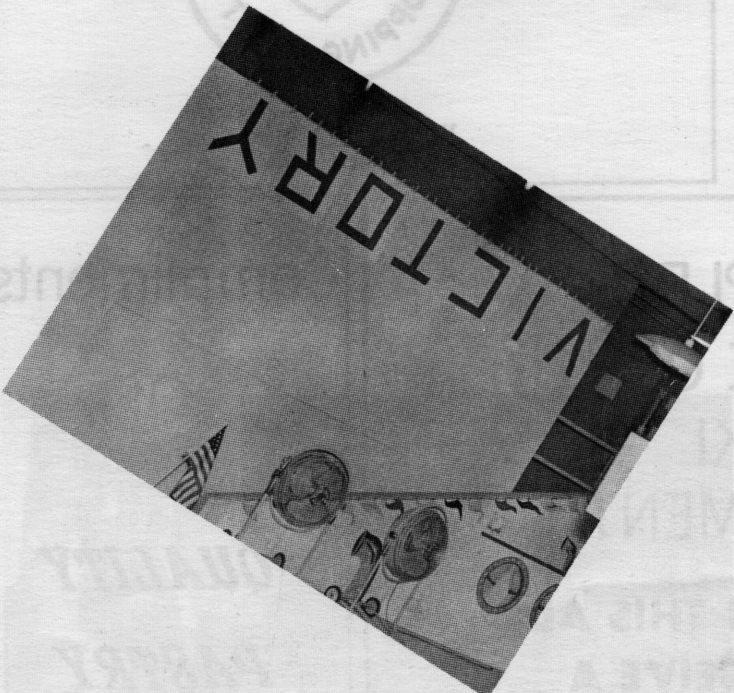
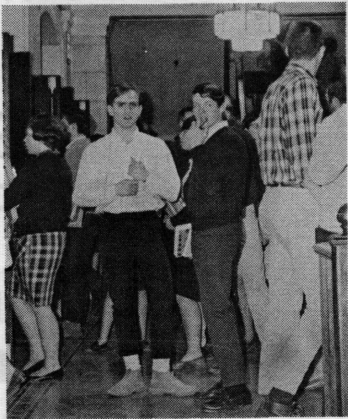
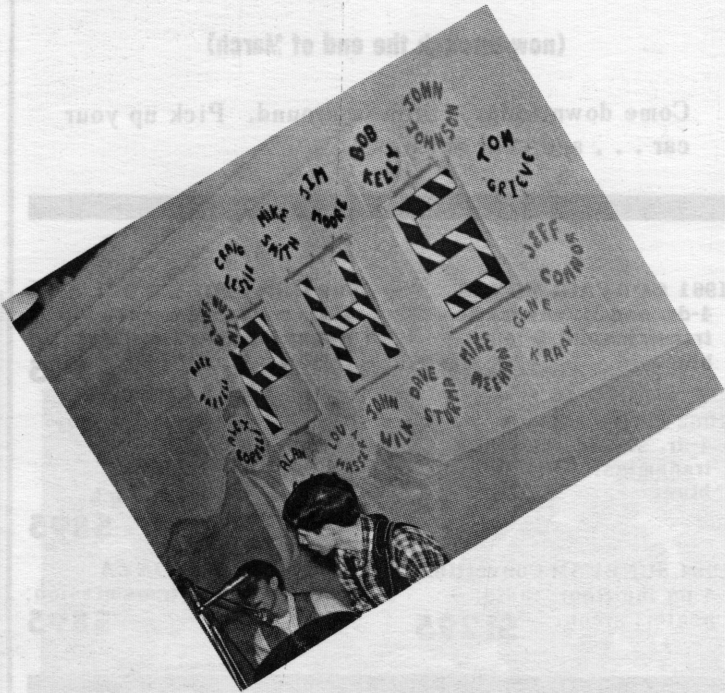
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In General Eye Part I



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John Carmody

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teams were good. However, to expect them to reach the standards teams have today with all their equipment, its impossible."

Education is one thing Coach Carmody always stressed to his players. "When a boy goes to college, his studies come first, and athletics second. He must have made his decision on his future plans before entering college, and study that course until he's ready to graduate. Today's athlete has a wonderful chance to continue in school," he continued, "He should take advantage of all the opportunities he receives to go to college." He takes pride in saying that he not only has followed everyone of his players through college, but to the present day.

Coach Carmody has been called many times as Pittsfield High's beloved coach, and justly so. His forceful and sincere personality, along with his untiring efforts in the behalf of youth have secured for him a special place in the athletic annals of Pittsfield High, and it will be a long time before anyone surpasses the deeds he has accomplished.

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czyk, Ron Bogle, John Allen, and Paul Sturges.

Starting just after the Christmas vacation, basketball is now in full swing. Altogether there are fourteen teams divided equally into a Senior and a Junior league. In the Senior League it looks as though first place will be won by the "T.K.B.'s" or the "Phonies." Standouts in this league are John Schermerhorn, Silvano Mastrodicasa, Pete Salvatore, Mark Fiegel, Ron Kelly, and Jim McDonough. The "Playboys" look like the winners of the Junior League with a 5-0 record thus far. Outstanding in Junior League play are Bill

Adamczyk, Ron Bogle, John Henderek, Tom Cowlin, Pat Fosty, Dave Nelson and Pete Sheran. When both leagues finish their schedule, there will be playoffs among the top four teams of each league to establish a champion in each division.

A gymnastics group has been working out at night under the direction of Coach Benedetti. It is hoped that this sport and wrestling may become varsity sports in the future. Table tennis, softball, and track and field will round out the intramural schedule in the spring.

Coach Sylvester sights the main benefit of intramural sports as giving the non-varsity man a chance to compete in a sports program on a volunteer basis. Intramural sports are opened to all, so if you would like to participate, sign up in the gym when the various activities begin.

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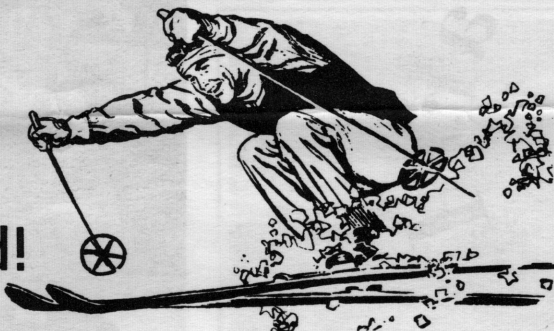
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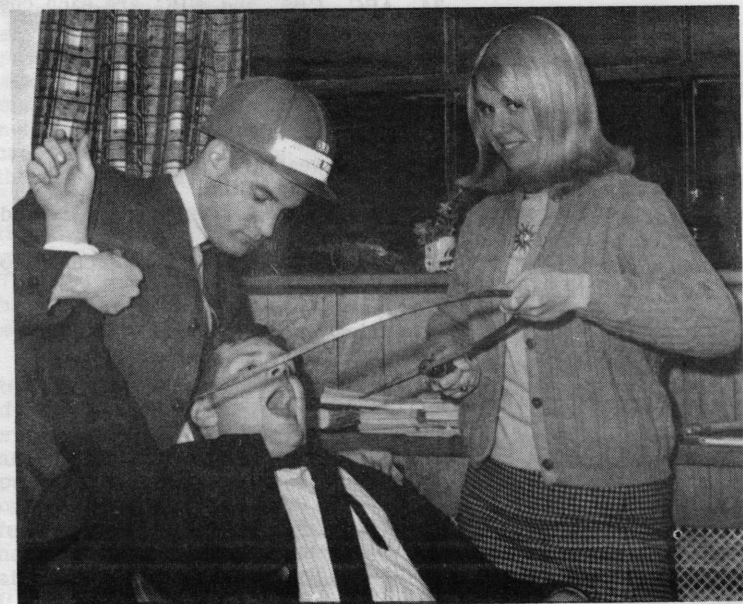
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In General Eye Part II



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Generally Speaking

by Dave Glodt



This being our first column we want to make it clear that we are not trying to be Walt Lippmann or Dear Abbie and certainly not Milton Bass (who could be?). We hope that this section will serve as a sounding board for timely topics both at the high school and around the town and nation.

I was wondering the other day as I walked up and down the northwest stairs between the second and third floors, why we haven't heard more about the double sessions due to be inaugurated next year. Although we have been told that a fairly complete article on the subject is included with this issue. I'm sure none of you have thought about what one of those double days will be like. Well, I have and here is what it might be like for at least one student.

Susie Cue, who is a senior, has to take a bus to school. Since school starts at seven she must get the bus at 6:15. However, Susie lives at the top of a hill so she must start walking down (flashlight in hand) at six. She brings a breakfast with her so that she may eat on the way. Susie finds that today is a 7A day and that each class will be only six minutes long since a Rally is on the schedule for the end of the day (I should say end of the morning). A little after noon Susie leaves school and heads for the ski slopes as the class of '69 arrives to start a day that will have its final periods in total darkness.

All in all the new plan seems great for next year's juniors and seniors, but we feel just a bit sorry for those who will be sophomores.

It is good to see that Pittsfield High has so many fine artists who are able to place their works alongside the best in the country. Those we have noted are on display at the Berkshire Athenaeum, the Berkshire Museum, and the Image Gallery in Stockbridge. Also, Bill Gleason's excellent showing at the Scholastic Art Exhibit in Boston has demonstrated that a photographer can be an artist too. We hope some of his pictures will be on display here after they return from the national competition.

We have finally found out why students are not allowed to travel up or down the northwest stairs between the second and third floors. The school traffic control manager who also serves as vice principal, Frank Coughlin, tells us that the closing of the stairs came about because there was a major traffic jam on the second floor landing. Mr. Coughlin admits that the system is not perfect but adds that it is the best plan for the vast majority of students. He also says that his latest traffic study shows that not enough people are using the back stairs (southwest and southeast) and because of this all other stairs are always overcrowded.

We agree with a plea made by Mr. Coughlin that more people should use the back stairs and try to bring an end to the slow moving and dangerous conditions on the other stairways.

Next month we'll take a look at what students feel is their biggest problem around school. If you have any ideas let us know.

Henry Decker Cited for USF Poster

by Kathy Polidoro

Again this year the United Students' Fund has been under way soliciting contributions. This organization supports the Santa Toy Fund, Berkshire County Heart Association, March of Dimes, Junior American Red Cross and the United Community Service.

The representatives from Pittsfield High to the U.S.F. are John Cazavelan, president; Barbara Cook, treasurer; Sandy Bitzel, secretary, and also Jerry Wichlac, Helen McKenna and Nancy Zink.

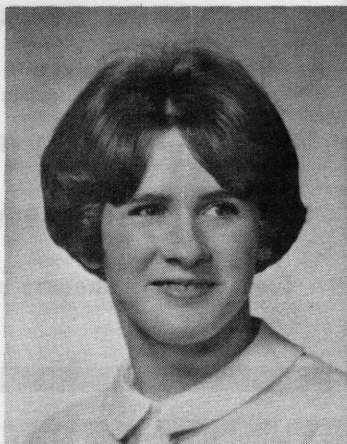
Two collections were held here at P.H.S. resulting in a grand total of \$380.15. Together, all of Pittsfield's public schools contributed \$2,514.

To increase interest concerning the drive, the Pittsfield High representatives sponsored a poster contest in January. With thanks to Mrs. Delaiti's art class and others there were about 35 entries. Out of these, the one which best represented the spirit of the March of Dimes was a poster by Henry Decker depicting a small boy with a brace on his leg being helped by the March of Dimes. Honorable mention is given to Lynda Person for the best "layout" of a poster and to Evelyn Wilker who displayed the most concern for the cause by submitting three posters. Also credited with honorable mention are Ed Dessereau and Bill Black for the most humorous entries.

Kathy Conry Receives JWV Classmate, Neighbor Award

by Debbie Greengold

The Louis Green Post of the JWV annually gives a Brotherhood Award to a deserving senior. This award is given for scholastic achievement and outstanding example in home, school and community. This year the choice was Kathy Conry.



KATHY CONRY

Kathy, who is captain of the varsity cheerleaders, is also a member of the student council, GAA vice-president, editor of girls' sports of the Students' Pen, and a member of the advertising staff of the Pen and the girls' sports staff of the Dome. Besides, Kathy maintains very good marks and has hopes of going to either Mt. Holyoke or Cornell where she plans to major in marine biology.

Kathy has done a great deal for her community. She helps with the American Legion Poppy Sales, and collects for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Salvation Army, the Santa Toy Fund, and the Muscular Dystrophy Fund. She is also a senior leader at the Girls' Club, teaching swimming and leading a class for pre-schoolers.

The significance of this award is "Classmates Today — Neighbors Tomorrow." It seems unnecessary to say that Kathy is certainly worthy.

super-hero since our dearly

"Holy Flypaper" Batman's Camp-ish Success

by Bob Sides

"Holy flypaper! Jumpin' jupiter! Gleeps" — these are the super-descriptive utterances of none other than Robin, Boy Wonder, valet and able comrade of the world's reformed idol, Bat W. Man. Batman and Robin, besides having established themselves and thus ideals (reminiscent restatements of the Superman Overtone as, a universal "battle for truth, justice, and

the American Way.") firmly in the hearts of their charivivistic bi-weekly audience of the senile and the senile at heart, are presently riding the crest of a new craze wave — namely, CAMP.

Batman's camp-ish success can be attributed to (1) the popular search for an embodiment of righteousness and justice (RAH! TEAM! RAH) (2) a universal quest for identity with a



Bill Gleason, In General's co-photography editor, has been awarded the regional Gold Key and Blue Ribbon awards for a group of his pictures. Among them is this one of the Wendell Hotel demolition. Gleason's pictures now go to the national competition.

beloved Superman got the ax, and (3) the country's unverted aesthetic scale which will inexplicably laud the ridiculous to the sublime. In other words, something will be so bad that it will be beautiful. Precedents to this negative sentiment are: elephant jokes, Tom Swifty puns, Marvel Comic Books (including Sergeant Fury and the Howling Commandos, Doctor Doom, and Spider-Man, which are, incidentally, enjoying a super-national circulation) pop art, op art, and now kinetic art.

CAMP, however, is not faddish. It doesn't include such movements as the White Levi rush, the madras mania, the khaki raincoat deluge, or the Byrd glasses sensation. These are all too hoola-hoopish. No, to be CAMP, a thing must not be immediately accepted. In fact, it must be universally damned. Later, when everyone engages in "hate hours" protesting the thing in question, then it's okay to recognize its true value. It's not only "okay" to do this — it's "Cool," "In," "Accepted," "Lauded," even "Worship-able on Sunday"! Such was the case with Batman. Movies made in the

30s were a miserable failure. Movies made then are now shown for four hours at a dollar-a-head, and are a box-office smash. Batman comics are bringing stock market surges and Batman singles are in the national Top-Ten Record Surveys.

But how does CAMP begin? Well, my guess is that the phenomenon occurs when a normally un-cool activity gets mistakenly praised. Examples today of such activities now considered CAMP are: the Bay of Pigs Invasion, Everett Dirksen's coiffure, and the Bolshevik Revolution. A newly-discovered CAMP protagonist is President Johnson. His magnificently dead pan delivery of his trite Texan expressions, such as "the flower of our youth" and "We shall continyuh (continue)!", are almost Utopian in pristine beauty. But, as these examples become accepted, they must fall prey to the ephemeral god of CAMP who says "All Acceptance Is Out, Baby!"

Consequently, we must uncover new trends (I say uncover because discover connotes the arrival of something new, and, as I've said before, CAMP prospects must be "as old as the hills." The CAMP fires are always there — we must merely close our eyes and find them!)

What will these uncoveries be? Who knows? Anyway, here are some possibilities:

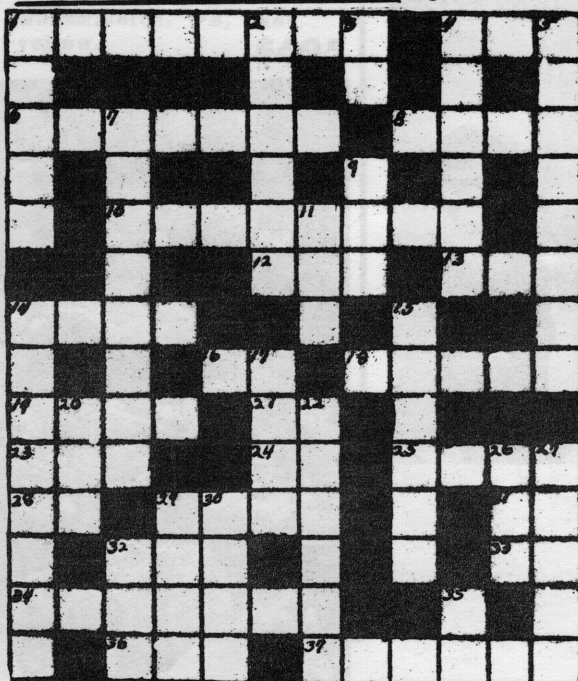
- new interest in Tarzan re-runs
- folk-rock songs called "America the Beautiful" and "I Pledge Allegiance"
- recognition of the Statue of Liberty as an oracle of the gods
- imitations of Sen. Dirksen's mellifluous vocal intonations
- production of cars with rumble seats, turrets and tank treads
- reenactments of World War II invasions
- printing of pocket-size editions of the Dead Sea Scrolls to be recited from at parties and revival meetings

Well these are only a few suggestions. "Only time will tell" if they are correct. Until then remember "The life you save may be your own," "Seven come eleven," and "go west young man!"

Until then, now Specific
General Knight of CAMP David,
Bob Sides '66

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ACROSS

1. female child
4. usually, small house pet
6. things used to hold a ship to place
8. a midwestern state known for corn
10. large hill
12. received
13. word used to show respect when speaking to a man
14. type of racing
16. stores put one of these in a newspaper
18. capture
19. used to keep animals in
21. from
23. a kind of sheet metal also — foil
24. a conjunction
25. a very good and well-known type of skis
26. abbreviation for Rail Road
29. hurting
31. same as 24 across
32. cry
33. short for dad — a baby cries this

34. ABC, CBS, and NBC are each one
36. whole number after zero
37. Japanese fishing boat

DOWN

1. a male duck
2. growing weary
3. Ralph Allen's initials
4. things put on a king or queen's head
5. erase over
7. what political candidates run in to get votes
9. caress
11. a thing found on a foot
14. a principle, also Monroe
15. your nieces brother
17. an entrance to a building
20. made of many different gasses
22. things that are abnormal
26. a fishing pole
27. runs on tracks
29. seeds that have been planted
30. musical instrument
32. Latin word for stand
35. a type of art